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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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<p><i>- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address -</i></p> <p><b>Period for Reply</b></p> <p>A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.</li> <li>- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.</li> <li>- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).</li> </ul> <p>Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).</p>			
<p><b>Status</b></p> <p>1)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>31 October 2008</u>.</p> <p>2a)<input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL.      2b)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.</p> <p>3)<input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i>, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.</p> <p><b>Disposition of Claims</b></p> <p>4)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>2-15</u> is/are pending in the application.</p> <p>4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.</p> <p>5)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.</p> <p>6)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.</p> <p>7)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.</p> <p>8)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>2-16</u> are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.</p> <p><b>Application Papers</b></p> <p>9)<input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.</p> <p>10)<input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)<input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b)<input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner.      Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).      Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).</p> <p>11)<input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.</p> <p><b>Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119</b></p> <p>12)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</p> <p>a)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All    b)<input type="checkbox"/> Some * c)<input type="checkbox"/> None of:      1.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.      2.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.      3.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</p> <p>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</p> <p><b>Attachment(s)</b></p> <p>1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)      2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)      3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)      *Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____</p> <p>4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)      *Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____</p> <p>5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application      6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>			

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 2-9, drawn to the structure of a door handle, classified in 292/336.3

Group 2, claim(s) 10-15, drawn to a lock and key, classified in 70/449 or 70/337

Claim 1 is cancelled. Claim 16 is generic.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Group I requires the specific components of the door handle including a finishing moulding, opening button, first and second hooks, a blocking rod and vertical lever. This structure is not required for Group II which is directed at the lock, cylindrical block and bolt with key. The key is then further limited requiring a drum, pins, guiding grooves, and functionality of the key, bolt and block is not required by group I.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the selected invention.

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The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KRISTINA R. FULTON whose telephone number is (571)272-7376. The examiner can normally be reached on M-FH 7-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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